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application for calling for a Constitutional Convention?

SENATOR MURPHY: I have.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: And they say this is the way to do it?

SENATOR MURPHY: The specific recommendations are, and I have tried to convey that repeatedly here in opposition to amendments, Senator, that the petitions must be nominally the same, that they must be reasonably close in submission of time, approximately four years, and that they must address themselves in generally identical language to the specific issue. It requires a two-thirds majority of the states.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Who is your constitutional advisor?

SENATOR MURPHY: Well, there is a fellow named Shugrue and I wish he were a better instructor at Creighton and a gentleman, because he heads the Constitutional Law Department there and I think possibly not all lawyers are required to take Constitutional law, I would guess, but there is also a gentleman at the head of the Department of Constitutional Law at the University of Nebraska, both of whom have participated in American Bar Association discussions of extreme length on this specific subject. If you would like their telephone numbers, I will be happy to give them to you.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Now, have you talked to someone in terms in Washington who has that constitutional background, also? And that the Congress will accept.

SENATOR MURPHY: I have.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Who was that person?

SENATOR MURPHY: A gentleman by the name of Clark who was the initiator of this particular instrument.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: This comes out of Washington.

SENATOR MURPHY: This comes out of the State of Maryland, Senator.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: I thought you said the guy was in Washington?

SENATOR MURPHY: Well, let's say he is terribly close.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: What's he do? What's he do? Is he a constitutional lawyer in Washington and works for the Congress or works for someone that we can get to.

SENATOR MURPHY: Senator Lewis, he is a state senator.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: In Washington?

SENATOR MURPHY: I will go by one more time, Senator, Maryland. Maryland, that is right close to Washington, Senator,